

What is a Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer?

Chief Warrant Officers (CWOs) are commissioned officers of the Coast Guard who serve in those grades as established by law and have authority commensurate with this status. CWO's are mature individuals with appropriate education and/or specialty experience

who have shown through demonstrated initiative and past performance they have the potential to assume positions of greater responsibility requiring broader conceptual, management and leadership skills. While administrative and technical specialty expertise is

required in many assignments, CWOs must be capable of performing in a wide variety of assignments that require strong leadership skills. Enlisted and officer experience provide these officers a unique perspective in meeting the Coast Guard's roles and missions.

Boatswain (BOSN)

Warrant officers serving in this specialty are specialists in seamanship, general duties at operational commands, and developing and supervising training programs.



Weapons (WEPS)

Warrant officers serving in this specialty are operational and technical specialists in gunnery and ordnance both at sea and ashore.



Communications (COMM)

Warrant officers serving in the specialty of communications are operational and technical specialists in the field of communications who may serve as commanding or executive officers of radio stations, as assistants to communications officers at districts or communications officers in such billets as communications security.



Electronics (ELC)

Warrant officers serving in this specialty are technical specialists in the field of ship, shore and airborne electronic equipment.



Naval Engineering (ENG)

Warrant officers serving in this specialty are operational and technical specialists in the field of engineering and machinery repair.



Aviation Engineering (AVI)

Warrant officers serving in this specialty are operational and technical specialists in the field of aircraft maintenance.



Material Maintenance (MAT)

Warrant officers serving in this specialty are operational and technical specialists in the fields of repair, maintenance, damage control and fire fighting aboard ship and at shore units.



Personnel Administration (PERS)

Warrant officers serving in this specialty are specialists in general and personnel administration.



Public Information (INF)

Warrant officers serving in this specialty are specialists in all phases of internal, media and community relations.



Finance and Supply (F&S)

Warrant officers serving in this specialty organize, plan and supervise the work of personnel engaged in procurement, stowage and issue of supplies.



Medical Administration (MED)

Warrant officers serving in this specialty will administer nonprofessional aspects of medical and dental facilities both ashore and afloat.



Bandmaster

Warrant officer bandmasters will supervise and prepare band performances, rehearse and travel to events both nationally and internationally.



Port Safety and Security

Coast Guard Reserve warrant officers serving in this specialty, are specialists in port safety, maritime security, anti-terrorism, enforcement of maritime laws and regulations and investigative methods.



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